

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action mailed July 28, 2008 the Office noted that claims 1-20 were pending and rejected claims 1-20. Claims 1-20 have been amended, no claims have been canceled, claim 21 is new, and, thus, in view of the foregoing claims 1-21 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Office's rejections are traversed below.

**REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1-10 and 18-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Fallah, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0047781. The Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse the rejection with an argument.

Fallah discusses a detector for detecting a physical variable from a tag.

The Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite a "secure electronic entity, *adapted to be connected to a host station, said secure electronic entity containing* means for measuring time and comprising means for certifying a date of *receipt of a command from said host station*, wherein said certification means receiving from said time measuring means information on said date and produce data certifying said date intended for an external entity." Claims 4, 5 and 6 have likewise been amended.

Support for the amendments may be found, for example,

page 11, line 34; page 12, line 14-22; page 13, lines 18-35; and page 14, lines 16-17 of the Specification.

Fallah fails to disclose "certifying a date of receipt of a command from said host station," as in claim 1. Nor does Fallah make implicit such a recitation.

Further, Fallah fail to disclose the certification means are adapted to certify that the command has been received from the host station in a given time period or before a limit date; the secure electronic entity further includes synchronization means, the synchronization means are adapted to perform synchronization upon receipt of a message from said host station; and the certification means use authentication means, to authenticate said data certifying said date.

Therefore, for at least the reason discussed above, claim 1 and the claims dependent therefrom are not anticipated by Fallah.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

**REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 11-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Fallah in view of Horvat, U.S. Patent No. 7,036,018. The Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse the rejection with an argument.

Horvat discusses an integrated circuit capable of displaying the time.

Horvat adds nothing to the deficiencies of Fallah as applied to independent claim 1. Therefore, Fallah and Horvat, taken separately or in combination, fail to render obvious the features of claims 11-13.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

**NEW CLAIM**

Claim 21 is new. Support for claims 21 may be found, for example, in claim 1 as originally filed; and on page 11, lines 3-30 of the Specification. The Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by the inclusion of claim 21. The prior art fails to disclose that the date determines duration.

**SUMMARY**

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103. It is also submitted that claims 1-21 continue to be allowable. It is further submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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